

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION"

On page 2, after line 27, please insert "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS"

On page 3, after line 7, please insert "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION"

Please add the following abstract as a separate sheet:

"By utilising parameters derivable from a compressed bit-stream, measures are obtained of the subjective quality of a decoded picture, without the necessity for reference to source material. A blockiness measure is derived both locally and globally and used to control a de-blocking filter. An estimate of signal-to-noise ratio is derived from quantization values."